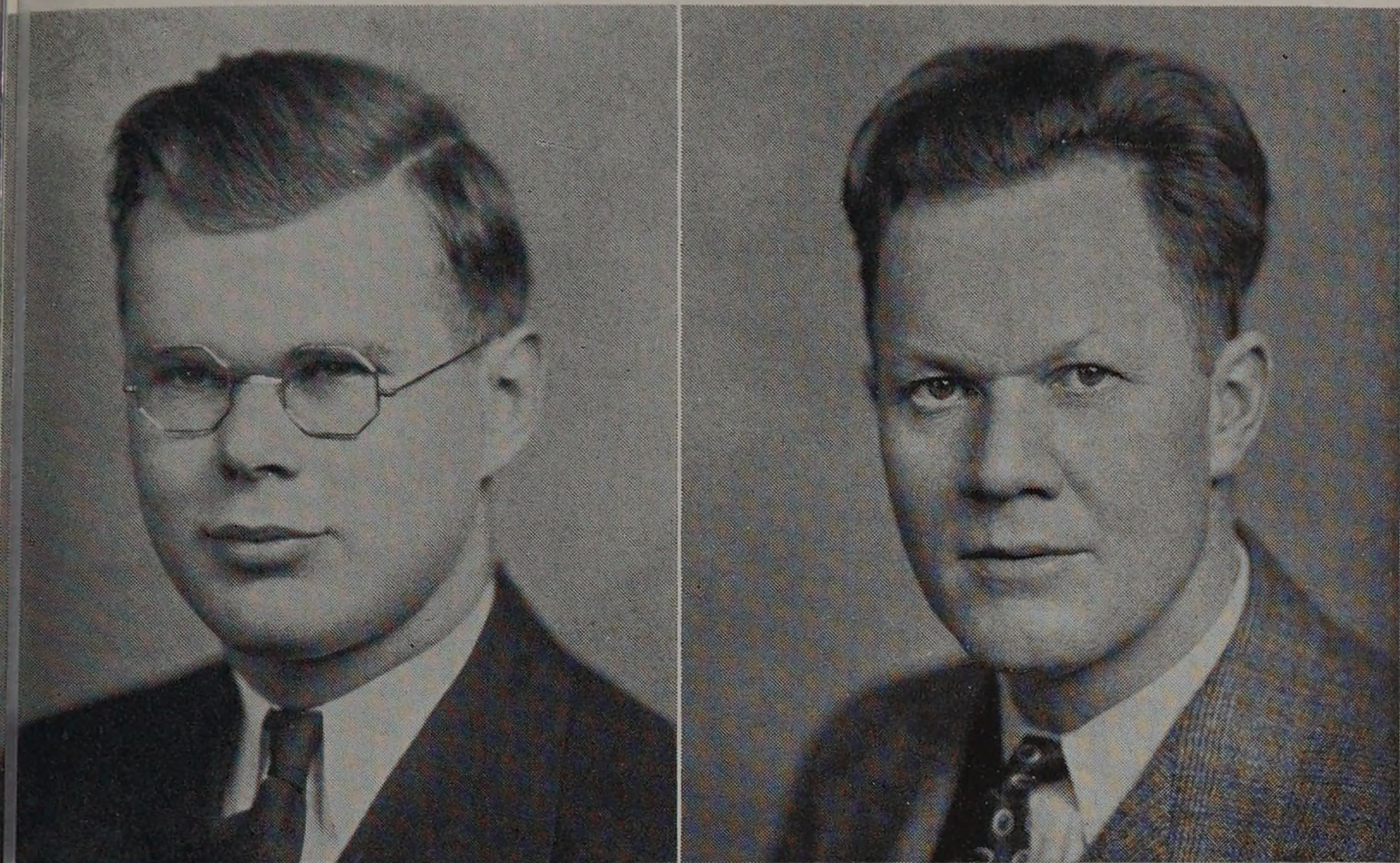


Techawk Cagers



Manager Widell

Coach Stenger

The second period opened with a spirited rally by the Milwaukee team, slipping 10 points through the Armour defense, while Henriksen made the only play on a long shot. The score stood at 26-25, Armour, and the victory that seemed so near at the half was now quite doubtful. Kubicka took a pass, dribbled in, and sank a shot to ease the tension, and to make things even safer, O'Connell got hot and dropped two quick baskets while he and Norkus tallied a pair of free tosses. Game time nearly over, the Milwaukee coach released his reserves in a futile attempt to find a scoring combination to overtake the Tech five. Meanwhile Coach Grant Stenger tried out his new material, playing Eggers, Sher, Weber, and Lurz.

The second game was played at Urbana against the Illinois "B" team. After holding them to a standstill during the first half, the Techawks fell before the Illini onslaught during the second, and finally went down 39 to 24. The Illini stepped into an early five point lead, but a bucket by Henriksen and two more by O'Brien put the Techs ahead six to five. See-sawing back and forth, the score remained close until the concluding minutes when the home squad dropped in two baskets and a free throw to take a half way lead of 16 to 12. Two free throws at the start of the second period by O'Brien and Swanson brought the visitors within two points, but with a retaliation of two buckets the Illini again pulled away. When a nice combination shot, O'Brien to Scherer clicked, the latter placed a nice backhand in the hoop and brought the Tech score to sixteen. Two more baskets by Wagner and Bennis of the home squad brought their score to 28. Janicek dropped in a free shot, and Wagner came right back for the Illini by dropping his in. A series of baskets and a free shot among which was a classy rebound shot by Swanson, brought the game into its closing minutes with the tally standing 38 to 24. A final free throw by O'Brien ended the contest and gave the Techs their first defeat.

The Armour five, spurred on by the brilliant defensive play of its lanky center, Swanson, defeated the Arkansas State Indians when they touched here on their annual loop of the middle west. This made the third time the teams have met, Armour having come out on top in each encounter, but by a margin that has decreased with each successive year. High scoring honors went to Scherer, who added four field goals and a like number of free throws for a tidy total of 12 points. Swanson, not content with being the defensive star of the afternoon, was second with four buckets and a pair of free throws. Downs, six foot-four center for the Arkansas bunch, was high scoring man for his outfit with a total of 10 points. Arkansas took the tip-off, but lost the ball when it went off side on a bad pass. A basket sunk by Swanson was quickly followed by no less than four by Arkansas, who, though weak in long shots, followed such shots up effectively enough to make them count. O'Brien gave a half time lead to Armour, when he drew a bead on the basket and sank a long one just before the whistle blew. Second half scoring was started by the Jonesboro boys when Downs tipped a missed long shot into the basket. Arkansas, intent upon scoring, became somewhat careless in fouling, and, consequently, what they picked up on baskets Armour made up in free throws. With the same form that they displayed in the closing minutes of the half, Armour again commenced walking away from the visitors, as Scherer, Wagner, O'Brien, and O'Connell tallied. A final two minute rally by the visitors, when they scored nine points, gave the Tech five the cold chills; but it turned out to be a futile attempt, Tech winning 38-32.

In the third game of that busy week, Armour went down to defeat, 34-22, at the hands of Lake Forest. Playing on the Lake Forest floor, the Techawks showed a lot of fight and spirit, but seemed to lack that basket shooting ability that goes hand and hand with victory. Scoring honors were divided between Henriksen and Stickels of Lake Forest, each totalling up eight tallies. Within a few minutes after the start of the game the North Shore men were well out ahead on some beautiful long shots. Although the Techawks made many tries, they couldn't seem to get the range. Loose guarding let the home quintet increase their lead even more, bringing the score, in their favor, to 14-3. Henriksen made a gratis toss and then tipped in a free one that Swanson just missed. A free throw by O'Connell and a basket each by O'Brien and Swanson brought the Armour score to eleven at the half, but in the meantime their opponents had chalked up three to leave the score 20-11. In the second half the scoring was a little more even, but for all-round playing the Lake Forest squad was well out ahead with their passing, guarding, and shooting. Although the game was well fought by both sides, the home five held and even increased their lead during this period. Scherer, Swanson, and Sher contributed Armour scores in their half. Returning to the Armory to meet Beloit, Armour fell